



**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OPEN TESTING  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SPECIALIST II**

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California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated on this announcement may take this examination. Applications will NOT be accepted on a promotional basis.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To learn more about the examination and testing arrangements, contact the testing office shown below. Applications are available through the <http://www.spb.ca.gov/jobs/stateapp.htm>. Applications may be filed in person or by mail with:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (916) 324-0286  
SELECTION UNIT**  
In Person: 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1501  
By Mail: MS 1701-1702  
P.O. BOX 997378  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7378

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

**CROSS FILING INFORMATION:** If you meet the entrance requirements for this classification and for the Communicable Disease Manager II, and/or Communicable Disease Manager III scheduled at the same time, you may file for all three exams on a single application. You must indicate the class title(s) corresponding to each examination for which you are applying on the application Form STD. 678. You will not be considered for additional classes after the final filing date.

**FINAL FILING DATE:** Applications (Form STD. 678) must be submitted by **October 31, 2008** the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the filing deadline will not be accepted for any reason.

**SPECIAL TESTING INFORMATION:** If you have a disability that requires accommodation, mark the appropriate box on the application Form STD. 678. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

**ORAL INTERVIEW DATE:** It is anticipated that oral interviews will be scheduled during **November 2008**, and in such locations throughout the state as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. If a candidate's notice fails to reach him/her prior to the date of the QAP due to verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

**SALARY RANGES:** \$4833 - \$5874 per month.

**IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT:** Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** The Communicable Disease Specialist II functions in positions with statewide responsibility in the implementation of a major component of a large and complex communicable disease program such as the Education and Training Coordinator in the Venereal Disease Control Program. In the headquarters office, an incumbent may act as leadperson over a small staff of communicable disease specialists or representatives working on a statewide program; may personally perform the most complex and difficult duties within the program; assists the Unit Chief or the Section Chief in the formulation of the program policies and regulations, reviews and evaluates program activities of the State's communicable disease program.

Positions exist with the Department of Public Health Sacramento/ Richmond

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION:** It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement by **October 31, 2008**, the final filing date. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

NOTE: Applications/resumes **must** include “to” and “from” dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course information **must** include title, number of semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable).

**Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the following requirements include more than one pattern and are distinguished as either I, or II, or III, etc.

**Either I**

**Experience:** Two years of experience in the California state service as a Communicable Disease Specialist I or Communicable Disease Manager I.

**Or II**

**Experience:** Five years of experience as a medical service corpsperson dealing with communicable diseases or as a communicable disease representative or investigator in a local, State, or Federal health agency. Four years of this experience must have been in an administrative or supervisory capacity with responsibility for the planning, implementation, or evaluation of a significant phase of a communicable disease control program.

**AND**

**Education:** Equivalent to graduation from college. (Additional supervisory or administrative experience may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for two years of the required education.)

**Special Personal Requirements:** Willingness to travel throughout the state.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:** In addition to the scope defined on this announcement, candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required.

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION:** The examination will consist of a Qualification Appraisal Panel interview that is weighted 100%. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. Competitors who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified and eliminated from the examination process.

The Department of Public Health reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such a revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**INTERVIEW SCOPE:** In addition to evaluating the candidate’s relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis will be placed on measuring, relative to job demands, each competitor’s:

**Knowledge of:**

1. Knowledge of general disease prevention, epidemiology principles and analysis of communicable diseases and related public health problems.
2. Knowledge of modes of transmission and diagnosis treatment and out break response.
3. Knowledge of principles and techniques of field investigations contact tracing, and community mobilization.
4. Knowledge of program assessment, planning, and evaluation of communicable disease control.
5. Knowledge of principles and practices of public health organization, fiscal management, and personnel administration.
6. Knowledge of State and Federal laws and regulations governing local communicable disease programs.

**Ability to:**

1. Ability to develop cooperative and harmonious relationships with local health departments, providers and communities in the course of disease prevention and control work.
2. Ability to assume and demonstrate independent responsibility for multiple decisions and actions having regional implications on program objectives and activities.
3. Ability to analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
4. Ability to speak and write effectively to a diverse audience.
5. Ability to develop and implement program policies, standards, and procedures.
6. Ability to organize, coordinate, and oversee the work of others to address multiple program activities.
7. Ability to convene and facilitate work groups or teams.
8. Ability to maintain a professional non-judgmental attitude, and confidentiality in the work place.
9. Ability to prioritize activities in a fast paced, multidisciplinary work environment.
10. Ability to develop and provide TA and guidance in regards to Communicable Disease and intervention at the local level.
11. Ability to provide mentoring and training to local communicable disease staff to improve capacity.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION:** Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. A departmental open list will be established for use by the department(s) listed on this announcement. The list will expire 24 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first.

**VETERANS PREFERENCE:** Veterans preference credits will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination.

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MCI from TDD: 1-800-735-2929      MCI from voice telephone: 1-800-735-2922

Sprint from TDD: 1-888-877-5378      Sprint from voice telephone: 1-888-877-5379